

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

BERNARD KERIK,

Defendant.

07 Cr. 1027

ORDER

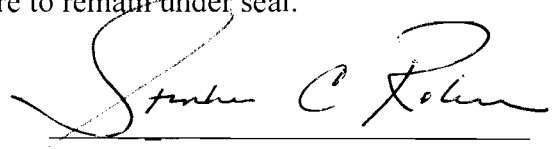
STEPHEN C. ROBINSON, District Judge:

On January 30, 2008, this Court received a letter from a news outlet requesting that "documents, transcripts and/or submissions" in connection with this case be unsealed. The letter specifically referred to a sealed conference held on December 8, 2007 to discuss a letter submitted by the Government, placed under seal and produced to the defense in redacted form. At that time a verbal request was made for unsealing the conference transcript. That request was denied.

Rule 6 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure protects the secrecy of grand jury proceedings. In this case, the requested materials all relate to matters occurring before a grand jury. Their unsealing and dissemination could compromise the integrity of the grand jury proceedings by affecting witnesses, interfering with fact-finding and/or damaging the reputation of subjects who have not yet been and may never be formally charged. Accordingly, the requested materials are to remain under seal.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: White Plains, New York
February 21, 2008


Stephen C. Robinson, U.S.D.J.

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